

be accompanied to the place of destruction by an APHIS or State representative: *Provided, however,* That animals destroyed and disposed of under the direct supervision of an APHIS or State representative on the premises where they were exposed do not require individual identification.

(d) *Reactor cervids.* Reactor cervids shall be identified by branding the letter "T" high on the left hip near the tailhead and at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size and by attaching to the left ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number and the inscription "U.S. Reactor", or a similar State reactor tag. Reactor cervids may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are permanently identified by the letters "TB" tattooed legibly on the left ear, they are sprayed on the left ear with yellow paint, and they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

(e) *Exposed cervids.* Exposed cervids shall be identified by branding the letter "S" high on the left hip near the tailhead and at least 5 by 5 centimeters (2 by 2 inches) in size and by attaching to either ear an approved metal eartag bearing a serial number. Exposed cervids may be moved interstate to slaughter without branding if they are either accompanied by an APHIS or State representative or moved directly to slaughter in vehicles closed with official seals. Such official seals must be applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative.

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§ 50.7 Destruction of animals.

(a) *Slaughter or disposal.* Cattle, bison, cervids, or swine to be destroyed be-

cause of tuberculosis must be shipped direct to slaughter under permit to a Federal or State inspected slaughtering establishment or be disposed of by rendering, burial, or incinerating in an approved manner under supervision of an APHIS or State employee.

(b) *Time limit for destruction of animals.* Cattle, bison, cervids, or swine for which Federal indemnity may be paid because of tuberculosis must be destroyed and carcass disposal completed within 15 days after the date of appraisal, except that the appropriate Veterinarian in Charge, for reasons satisfactory to him, may extend the time limit for slaughter to 30 days when request for such extension is received by him prior to the expiration of the original 15-day period allowed, and the Administrator may extend the time limit for slaughter beyond 30 days, upon request in specific cases and for reasons satisfactory to him.

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§ 50.8 Payment of expenses for transporting and disposing of affected and exposed animals.

The Department may pay, when approved in advance in writing by the Veterinarian in Charge, one half the expenses of transporting affected or exposed cattle, bison, and cervids to slaughter or to the point where disposal will take place, and one half the expenses of destroying, burying, incinerating, rendering, or otherwise disposing of affected or exposed cattle, bison, and cervids; *Provided that,* the Department may pay more than one-half of the expenses when the Administrator determines that doing so will contribute to the tuberculosis eradication program. For reimbursement to be made, the owner of the animals must present the Veterinarian in Charge with a copy of either a receipt for expenses paid or a bill for services rendered. Any bill for services rendered by the owner must not be greater than the normal fee for